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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. SUMMARY: FRONT-PAGE JORDANIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF SECRETARY'S VISIT CONTINUES OCTOBER 11. BANNER HEADLINES IN GOJ-SPONSORED AR-RAYY: "WILL PEACE TALKS BYPASS GENEVA CONFERENCE? KISSINGER HEADS TODAY FOR SYRIA AND ARRIVES TODAY IN AMMAN. BILATERAL TALKS ON MORE WITHDRAWALS FROM SINAI." ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ATTEMPTS AGAIN DOMINATE AD-DUSTOUR, BUT FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE IS HEADLINED "KISSINGER-SADAT JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE." AD-DUSTOUR UNCLASSIFIED

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ALSO PRINTS FRONT-PAGE PHOTO OF SECRETARY AND SADAT IN CAIRO.

AL-URDON BANNER HEADLINE: "KISSINGER TO ARRIVE TODAY
IN AMMAN". EDITORIAL COMMENT SPARSE. END SUMMARY.

2. ALL DAILIES LEAD OFF WITH SECRETARY'S IMMEDIATE
SCHEDULE: DAMASCUS ARRIVAL THIS MORNING, CONVERSATIONS WITH
PRES ASAD, AND EVENING ARRIVAL IN AMMAN. AD-DUSTOUR ACCOUNT
OF CAIRO MEETINGS CONTINUES: "DR. KISSINGER HELD A LONG MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT SADAT LAST NIGHT AS THE PICTURE CONCERNING EFFORTS
FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST BEGINS TO CRYSTALLIZE. BOTH
PARTIES HAVE HINTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA WILL OCCUR ON
A LEVEL BELOW THAT OF FOREIGN MINISTER, WITH THE EGYPTIAN AND
ISRAELI AUTHORITIES ATTEMPTING TO REACH AN ACCORD ON FURTHER
ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI. IN ADDITION, THE EGYPTIANS
WANT TO OBTAIN AN ISRAELI PLEDGE FOR MORE DISENGAGEMENT ON THE
ISRAELI FRONTS WITH JORDAN AND SYRIA. SOME SOURCES STATED THAT
EGYPT WILL BE SATISFIED IF ISRAEL ONLY OFFERS A PLEDGE TO
NEGOTIATE ABOUT THE JORDANIAN AND SYRIAN FRONTS, WITHOUT ANY
STIPULATION THAT THE TALKS BEGIN IMMEDIATELY." AD-DUSTOUR
CONTINUES, "ONE SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL STATED THAT AS SOON
AS AN ACCORD IS REACHED ON THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS, DR.
KISSINGER WILL SUGGEST FOUR POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES AS TO
IMPLEMENTATION: 1) INVITATION TO MIDDLE EAST FOREIGN MINISTERS
TO COME TO WASHINGTON; 2) LOWER LEVEL OFFICIALS COME TO
WASHINGTON; 3) HOLDING CONVERSATIONS WITHIN A SPECIFIC BORDER
ZONE, A SITUATION SIMILAR TO THE KM101
TALKS OF LAST YEAR; 4) SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY CARRIED OUT BY AN
AMERICAN OFFICIAL, SUCH AS MR. SISCO. DR. KISSINGER
HAS RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE HIMSELF WILL
PARTICIPATE IN MORE SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY, ALTHOUGH HE FEELS
THAT A LIMITED TOUR MIGHT BE USEFUL." AD-DUSTOUR, CITING
ONLY "NEWS AGENCIES" AS SOURCE, FURTHER STATES, "THE U.S.
BELIEVES THAT THE BEST WAY TO TACKLE THE PALESTINE ISSUE
IS TO HOLD CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN JORDAN AND ISRAEL UNDER
DR. KISSINGER'S SUPERVISION."

3. ALL PAPERS COVER CAIRO PRESS CONFERENCE, QUOTING SECRETARY
AS SAYING HE WILL RETURN TO CAIRO SUNDAY EVENING. LOCAL
ACCOUNTS OF PRESS CONFERENCE PARALLEL TRANSCRIPT STATE 221573.

4. EDITORIAL COMMENT CONFINED TO FRONT-PAGE "COMMENT" IN
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AD-DUSTOUR: "IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT DR. KISSINGER IS
PLANNING TO VISIT THE USSR. BUT IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT HE
SHOULD DISCUSS THERE THE SUBJECT OF JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO
ISRAEL, AND THE FACT THAT HE IS HIMSELF ENGAGED IN SEEKING
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST INCREASES THE AMBIGUITY OF THIS
CHARADE. YET WE CERTAINLY BELIEVE IN KISSINGER AND HIS EFFORTS
FOR PEACE; HE TALKS DAILY ON THIS SUBJECT, AND WE ARABS BELIEVE
WHAT WE HEAR. THEREFORE LET US IMAGINE THAT HE WILL TELL THE

RUSSIANS THAT HIS AIM IS TO HELP THEM GET RID OF TROUBLESOME
JEWS, OR TO SELL THE JEWS TO ISRAEL AGAINST A BIG PAYMENT BY
THE U.S. AND SIMILARLY HE CAN TELL THE ARABS, 'I WILL ARRANGE TO
SHIP JEWS TO ISRAEL TO CONVINCE ISRAEL OF MY GOOD INTENTIONS
AND THEREBY PRESSURE HER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WILL LEAD
TO TOTAL LIBERATION.'" PICKERING

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